

## **Title of the presentation**

Policing at Sea in Hybrid Warfare

### **Key issues**

There is little and fragmented treaty law and scarce case law on maritime law enforcement. The preamble of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea affirms “that matters not regulated by this Convention continue to be governed by the rules and principles of general international law”. Yet the rules and principles of general international law that regulate maritime law enforcement are somewhat unclear. This creates fertile ground for hybrid warfare at sea. Recently, the narrative of lawlessness at sea has increasingly gained momentum in various maritime contexts, ranging from the damaging of critical offshore infrastructure and the use of dangerous oil tankers to human rights violations and environmental pollution. From the legal perspective, addressing these challenges and strengthening maritime security requires crossing the traditional boundaries between the law of the sea, environmental law, human rights law, and international security law, as this presentation seeks to do.

### **Short bio**

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